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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Hariharan Rajaraman
FOR : **METHOD AND COLORANT FOR
THE COLORING OF RUBBER**
SERIAL NO. : Unknown
FILED : Herewith
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Dear Sir:

Applicant herein petitions the Commissioner for Patents to make special the above-identified patent application, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/195,933, filed on July 17, 2002, which is a divisional of U.S. Application No.

09/503,696 that was filed on February 14, 2000. Upon information and belief, one or

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more companies have or are manufacturing, offering for sale, or selling color-enhanced crumb rubber as directed in the claims of the present application. Applicant requests that the Examiner consider this Petition to Make Special based on the following information:

I. Statement of Facts & Declaration under § 37 C.F.R. 2.20

Applicant is aware of an infringing device or product actually on the market or method in use that directly infringes the claims herein.

The undersigned has performed a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing product, and method with the claims of the present application and some of the claims are unquestionably infringed.

II. References of Record

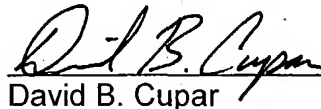
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Therefore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102, Applicant herein petitions the Commissioner to Make Special the present application. Enclosed is a check covering

the petition fee of \$130.00 required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (h). Should the fees under §1.17 (h) be incorrect, please charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 13-0265.

Respectfully submitted,

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